

Appendix B  
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**Budget Language**

**3900-001-0044 (Motor Vehicle Account)**

1. Of the amount appropriated in this item, \$12,500,000 shall be used by the State Air Resources Board to replace pre-1977 school buses with new school buses that comply with the most recent passenger safety standards, and that have been certified by the board to meet the lowest achievable emission levels irrespective of the fuel stock used.
2. Of the amount appropriated in this item, \$2,500,000 shall be used to retrofit in-use diesel school buses to protect children's health and reduce particulate matter emissions from those buses by at least 85 percent.
3. In expending funds under Provision 2, the State Air Resources Board shall require retrofit technologies to do all of the following: (a) have at least a level 3 verification from the board; (b) apply to the broadest range of year, make, and model of school bus diesel engine; (c) operate on CARB diesel fuel or ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel; (d) operate across the broadest range of school bus operating conditions and duty cycles; and (e) produce the lowest possible NO<sub>2</sub> across the device.
4. It is the intent of the Legislature in appropriating these funds that the State Air Resources Board provide equitable geographic distribution of the funds in a manner that reduces the risk to children's health from diesel emissions from school buses.

**3900-001-0115 (Air Pollution Control Fund)**

1. Of the amount appropriated in this item, \$10,000,000 shall be used to retrofit in-use diesel school buses to protect children's health and reduce particulate matter emissions from those buses by at least 85 percent.
2. In expending funds under Provision 1, the State Air Resources Board shall require retrofit technologies to do all of the following: (a) have at least a level 3 verification from the board; (b) apply to the broadest range of year, make, and model of school bus diesel engine; (c) operate on CARB diesel fuel or ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel; (d) operate across the broadest range of school bus operating conditions and duty cycles; and (e) produce the lowest possible NO<sub>2</sub> across the device.

3. It is the intent of the Legislature in appropriating these funds that the State Air Resources Board provide equitable geographic distribution of the funds in a manner that reduces the risk to children's health from diesel emissions from school buses.

### **Governor's Veto Message**

To ensure that this augmentation is spent most appropriately, I am directing the Air Resources Board to develop a plan by September 15, 2005, for allocation of these resources, and to submit this plan to the California Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval. The allocation plan must consider the overall financial capacity of the applicant to reasonably replace these buses without state assistance, the exposure to children, and the age of the buses slated for replacement.